



**FRIENDS' EVENTS
APPLICATION
FORMS**

EVENT APPLICATION BOOKINGS

Please complete the relevant details on the following Application Forms and send them with **One Cheque** payable to 'FBMAG' (unless otherwise stated) for all the events you wish to attend.

You should also enclose one **Stamped Standard Sized Self Addressed Envelope** (162 x 112 or 220 x 110) for the tickets, which will be issued confirming your bookings to: **Friends' Office, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH.**

Please **cut out** each of the bookings slips for events you wish to attend.

Please allow up to 10 working days for the receipt of your tickets.



OXFORD ~ A RARE COLLECTION OF SUPERB MUSEUMS

THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2018

South Parade
Car Park, Sutton
Coldfield - 7:45am

Margaret Street -
8:15am

Yateley Road,
Harborne -
8:30am

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £26 or £36 (non-members) each. Total = £

For Office Use: **EV166**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



'WHEN THE BUG BITES...' INSECT PEST MANAGEMENT AT BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £3 or £5 (non-members) each. Total = £

For Office Use: **N102**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE BMI

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s). I would like to make a donation of £ towards expenses

For Office Use: **A016**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:

FUNERALS, FASHIONS AND A COFFIN FITTINGS FACTORY: FROM MANUFACTORY TO MUSEUM



Newman Brothers Coffin Works is a factory in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter, which was built in 1894, when Queen Victoria was still on the throne, and finally closed in 1999.

It is special for three reasons. First, when the factory closed, almost everything in it was left as if at the end of an ordinary working day – the machinery, the stock, even a pot of tea on the stove. It has been described as a sort of mercantile Marie Celeste. Second, it made a rather unusual product: coffin fittings. These are the handles, breastplates, screws and ornaments for a coffin. They also made the 'soft goods' for a coffin: the linings, frills and cushions, as well as the funerary gowns for the deceased. In fact, they made everything for the coffin except the coffin itself. They sold directly to undertakers, not to the general public.

The third reason that the factory is special is that Newman Brothers didn't just make standard coffin fittings; they made the very best. Amongst their customers were the royal undertakers, and Newman Brothers' coffin fittings have adorned the coffins of George V and VI, Queen Mary, Princess Diana and the Queen Mother, as well as great statesmen such as Winston Churchill.

Over the hundred years that the factory was in business, society changed greatly, and with it attitudes to death and funerals. Newman Brothers represents a period when the fashion for lavish funerals was at its peak, and it declined as attitudes changed,

especially after the Second World War. Indeed, so old fashioned was the factory that some of the machinery is original, and nearly everything else was very out of date by the time the factory closed.

The last proprietor, Joyce Green, who had worked at the factory for 50 years, realised what a special place it was, and was determined to preserve it as a museum. Heritage organisations agreed, and although it took 15 years, in 2014 Birmingham Conservation Trust was proud to re-open the factory as a heritage attraction. Unfortunately, Joyce did not live to see this day. However, her legacy lives on in the stories that staff and volunteers share with the public on guided tours at the museum. This year marks the year of Extraordinary Women during Heritage Open Weekend, and we will certainly be honouring Joyce's extraordinary contribution to Birmingham's heritage by telling her story and keeping it alive. Visits to the museum are free on Sunday 16 September. Call 0121 233 4790 to book your space. ■

You can view the Coffin Works' Collections Archive online:
www.archive.coffinworks.org

By Sarah Hayes, Museum Manager,
Newman Brothers Coffin Works

MAIN PHOTO: The handle of choice. The Newman Brothers' cast brass gothic handle that became a favourite of the Royal undertakers for all royal funerals **UPPER FAR LEFT:** Newman Brothers' staff posing for photo outside Stamp Shop in circa 1912. **LOWER FAR LEFT:** Joyce Green with Newman Brothers' staff in circa 1980 **LEFT:** The Coffin Works Museum today



'WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM A FRIEND' FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £9 each. Total = £

For Office Use: **GT149**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



'BIRMINGHAM ART CIRCLE: INSPIRED BY WORDS' AT THE RBSA TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £9 or £12 (non-members) each. Total = £

For Office Use: **N103**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



TOUR OF HIGHBURY MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £15 each. Total = £

For Office Use: **EV167**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



TOUR OF THE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS CENTRE MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £9 each. Total = £

For Office Use: **GT150**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



'TITANIC: VOYAGE INTO DESTINY' - PART 3 OF 4 THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £9 or £12 (non-members) each. Total = £

For Office Use: **EV168**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



EVE AND MARY: THE TEMPTRESS AND THE VIRGIN FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £9 or £12 (non-members) each. Total = £

For Office Use: **EV169**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



'TITANIC: VOYAGE INTO DESTINY' - PART 4 OF 4 TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £9 or £12 (non-members) each. Total = £

For Office Use: **EV170**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, PRESERVING A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018

Full Name:

Membership No.:

Tel (Mobile if possible):

I/we require place(s) at £3 or £5 (non-members) each. Total = £

For Office Use: **N104**

Booking Reference:

Ticket No.:



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